Frederick Bawden 16 Oct 1873 – 15 Feb 1945

Frederick Bawden was born on 16 October 1873, the youngest of the three sons of Harry Bawden and his wife Ellen nee Lawry. As a young man he worked at the local Penrose mineral water factory and was a valued member of the local cricket team.

In 1897, age 23, he left home for a job in India.

A POPULAR MAN LEAVES HOME - The Cornishman, 15 July 1897

Mr Fred Bawden, of Paynter's-lane-end, Illogan, left home on Wednesday, the 7th inst, to take up a prominent position in the Mysore goldfields, India. Mr Bawden is most popular amongst the young men of Illogan, he having been a prominent member of the cricket club, which has so greatly improved this season. Mr Bawden was formerly a clerk at Mr Penrose's aerated water factory, Barncoose. He leaves a large number of friends behind, who wish him every success in his new sphere of labour.

The Cornishman of 28 Sept 1899 records him having returned the previous week.

Kolar Gold Fields is a small mining town in Mysore State (now known as Karnataka) in India. It was owned by the John Taylor and Sons Company, a British mining firm for more than a century. It was well known for its colonial ambience and was called 'Little England' due to its British and Anglo-Indian population. It was one of India's earliest industrialized towns and was unique for its secular and egalitarian society.

Fred married Winifred Evans, a local girl, in 1901 when she was already three months pregnant with the first of their five sons, Booth Bawden. Winifred was the niece of Richard Penrose, the owner of the mineral water factory where Fred returned to work. Fred also returned to the cricket team.

In the cricket match at Roskear on Saturday against Camborne, Mr Fred Bawden, the Illogan captain, played a most delightful and attractive innings of 76 not out. His play was of a high standard, and the way he treated the Camborne bowling, in spite of repeated changes, stamped him as a batsman of more than ordinary ability, and fit candidate, it is thought, for county honours. For many years, Mr Bawden has been one of the principal mainstays of Mr Basset's Tehidy XI, and his consistency in batting has been worthy of every commendation.

West Briton 22 August 1907

By 1911 he was the local collector of the poor rate, and later worked for the Inland Revenue as an assessor and collector of taxes.

Fred died on 15 February 1945. His funeral was reported by The Cornishman

The funeral in Trevenson Churchyard Pool on Sunday afternoon of Mr Frederick Bawden, whose death occurred at his residence, Fredwyn, Broadlane, Illogan at the age of 71, was very largely attended.

The late Mr Bawden, a native of Illogan, held a mining appointment in India when a young man, and on returning home went into partnership with his brother (the

late Mr H Bawden) as aerated mineral water manufacturers on the premises at Illogan Highway now occupied by the Agar Knitting Works.

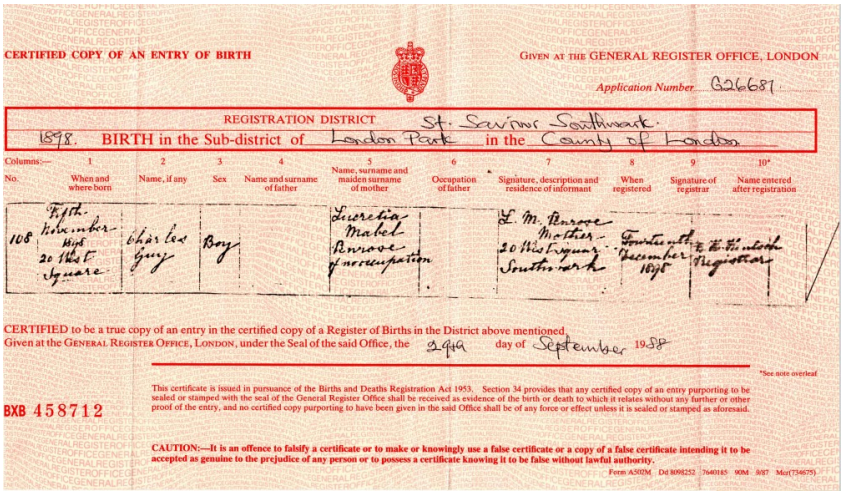
In 1900 he received the appointment of rate collector for the parish of Illogan, and later he was also appointed by Illogan Parish Council as surveyor of footpaths and public thoroughfares. In 1916 his public duties were increased by the additional office of collector of income tax for Illogan parish. He resigned as rate collector in 1927 owing to ill health, and was succeeded by his son (mr F Bawden) the present collector. In 1934 after his health had somewhat improved, the late Mr Bawden was appointed chief cashier at the Inland Revenue office, Redruth, and retained this position until his retirement in 1939.

The late My Bawden was a well-known former figure in Cornish cricket circles, having been skipper of Tehidy team, which had its own ground and pavilion near Tehidy House. For 54 years he was a chorister at Illogan parish church. His wife died in April 1936 and he leaves five sons, Messrs Booth, Frederick, Ronald, Harry and Robert Bawden. The first-named has been an invalid since 1935.

Mr F Bawden in addition to being rate collector for Illogan is a Diocesan lay reader and is in temporary charge of Trevenson Church until the arrival of a new curate-in-charge. Messrs Ronald and H Bawden are employed at the works of Messrs Holman Bros Ltd Camborne, while the youngest son is a corporal in the RAF and was mentioned in despatches last week for outstanding service at his headquarters. Trevenson church was crowded for the funeral service.

Cornishman 22 Feb 1945

Clearly Fred had been a pillar of the local community. However, two birth certificates add another dimension to the story.



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1898. BIRTH in the Sub-district of London Park in the County of London

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108	Fifth November 1898 20 Thrl Square	Charles Percy	Boy		Lucretia Mabel Penrose formerly occupation		L. M. Penrose Mother 20 Thrl Square Southwark	Fourteenth December 1898	[illegible] Registrar	

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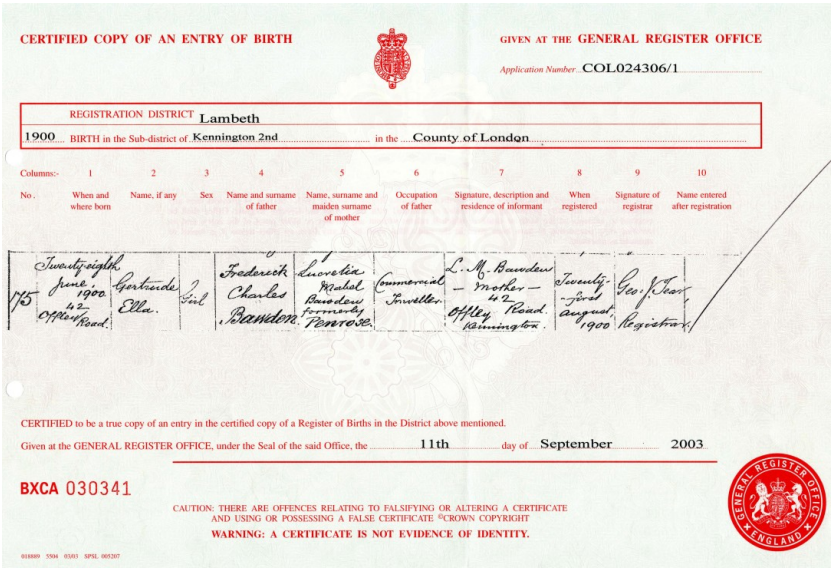

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REGISTRATION DISTRICT Lambeth

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175	Twenty-eighth June 1900 42 Offley Road	Gertrude Ellen	Girl	Frederick Charles Bawden	Lucretia Mabel Bawden formerly Penrose	Commercial Traveller	L. M. Bawden — Mother — 42 Offley Road Kennington	Twenty-first August 1900	Geo. J. Hoar Registrar	

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Lucretia Mabel Penrose, always known as Mabel, was the second of five daughters of Richard Penrose, the factory owner. Her first illegitimate child, Charles Guy, was conceived when Fred was still away in India, and DNA matches suggest the father may have been Albert Edward Rowe of Plymouth, who was living apart from his wife in redruth at the time.

Frederick may have admitted paternity of Gertrude, although Mabel may also have falsely claimed to be married to him. Charles and Gertie were quickly adopted by the Buckland family in Shooters Hill, London, and both used the surname Bawden at school.

Charles was my wife’s father, and Gertie lived in the US for most of her life after marrying a GI. She lived to the age of 103.

Mabel soon returned to Cornwall as Mabel Penrose, where she married and had five further children. She and her husband ran pubs, first in St Just and later in Paul. Like Fred, she too was a well-known figure in her local community, but with a hidden secret.

Charles and Gertie’s parentage only became known to the later legitimate children’s families in the early 2000s. On meeting them, several recalled regular visits from Ronnie Bawden to Mabel’s family in Paul.

Henry Bawden, Fred’s father, was known as Harry. After the birth of his three sons he left home to become an itinerant musician and Ellen moved in with her sister who ran the Robartes Arms hotel in Illogan. Harry eventually returned to the area, but lived alone until his death in 1922.

Henry’s mother Grace nee Randle was born in Constantine, Cornwall in 1824 and died in Falmouth in 1913, age 89.

Ellen Lawry later Bawden and Grace Randle

The names Livingstone and Booth are prevalent in the Bawden family; they commemorate Livingstone Booth Lawry, Ellen's brother, who died in an accident aboard a ship in Portreath harbour in 1867, age 18. Reports of the inquest survive.

Harry Bawden, left, at the wedding of his brother Fred to

The Bawden family, originally Bowden, has deep roots in south Cornwall. Before Henry's father James Bowden moved from there to Redruth, at least eight generations of Bowdens had lived and worked in and around the village of Constantine, between Falmouth and Helston. The earliest record I have is of John Bowden, who lived there 1560-1638.

Winifred Evans was a daughter of Richard Penrose' sister Ellen. The Penrose roots in Cornwall go back even further, to an estate at Escalls near Sennen in the twelfth century. There is still a settlement called Penrose, with a house of that name near Sennen. Later generations, both Penrose and Bawden, joined the mining industry, and travelled the world exporting Cornish mining expertise.

A mineral water bottle inscribed R Penrose